Interpreting Political Cartoons

**Directions:** Use the following template to help you interpret the political cartoon below.

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| **Who?** | **What?** | **When?** | **Where?** |
| * What person or groups of people are depicted in the cartoon? | * What are they doing? | * When are the events taking place in the cartoon happening? | * Where are the events in the cartoon taking place? |
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| **Why and How?**  **In order to figure out why the artist is depicting his or her subject the way that he or she is, we need to look at specific elements of the cartoon.** | | | |
| **Symbolism** | **Exaggeration and Distortion** | **Stereotypes** | **Captions** |
| * Is there an object or design that stands for some other person, thing, or idea? | * Is some element of the cartoon changed for emphasis (made bigger, smaller, ugly, etc.) | * Is one particular group of people being simplified by a characteristic? * Is the stereotype insulting? | * Are there words in the title or caption that explain what is going on in the cartoon? |
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